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Sir:

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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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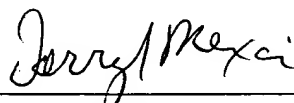
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Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 2001-57677 is cited and discussed on page 1 of the above identified application. Also, an English language abstract is submitted herewith.

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